

MEMORIAL SERVICE
For
SUPT. JOSEPH FLINT DORRIS
1910 1990

Friday, March 9, 1990
11:30 A.M.

West Angeles Church of God in Christ
3045 Crenshaw Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Bishop Charles E. Blake
Officiant

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

ELD. LEE ALFRED WADLINGTON

ELD. LEE CHESTER DORRIS, JR.

ELD. PAUL JONES

ELD. WILBERT McBRIDE

ELD. MARVIN BROWN

ELD. GABRIEL JACKSON

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Superintendents and Pastors

ANGELUS FUNERAL HOME
Directors In Charge

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Supt. James E. Lewis

PROCESSIONAL OF THE FAMILY

INVOCATION Elder Charlie Taylor

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament—Psalm 90:1-10 Supt. J.C. Brewster

New Testament—St. John 14:1-3 Elder Lincoln Fuller

SELECTION Central Region Choir

REMARKS (3 minutes please)

Bishop W.A. Alexander (Representing Administrative Assistants)

Supt. J.W. Mayfield (Representing Regional Superintendents)

Supt. Henry Coles - Supt. J.M. Gridiron - Supt. Fred Murphy

SOLO Ms. Elizabeth Anderson

RESOLUTIONS

SELECTION Central Region Choir

REMARKS

Central Region, Supt. L.C. Page

Regional Missionary, Mother Martha A. Alley

SELECTION

REMARKS

State Supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS

AND TELEGRAMS Mother Faith Holmes

OBITUARY (To be read silently)

SOLO Mrs. Debra Dorris Martin

EULOGY Bishop Charles E. Blake, Prelate,
Southern California First Jurisdiction

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Inglewood Park Cemetery
Inglewood, California

OBITUARY

JOSEPH F. DORRIS was born August 24, 1910 to Reggie and Hattie Dorris in Montgomery County, Mississippi. He was the oldest of nine children. Two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death. He spent most of his young life in Winona, Mississippi. He was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in his youth. He was a faithful worker in the church; having served as Y.P.W.W. President and Sunday School Superintendent.

In 1937 he married Maudie McKinney. To this union was born one daughter, Mary Ann. They moved to Joliet, Illinois in 1938. There was not a Church of God in Christ in Joliet, Joseph and Maudie worked out and set up the first Church of God In Christ in Joliet, IL.

He served his country in the United States Navy for two years during World War II. He received an honorable discharge. Moved to Los Angeles in 1943 and united with Elder L.C. Page. They were among the founding members of Page Temple. He served as chairman of the Deacon Board for thirty-three years, always active and dedicated in the teaching ministry.

Elder Dorris was appointed Pastor of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ in 1976. The church grew and prospered under his ministry. He was later appointed District Supt. of the Prayer Tower District, and Supt. of Central Region. He served faithfully in these capacities unto the end. God so blessed him to accomplish all of the goals he set for the church and himself.

He departed this life March 4, 1990. His presence will be greatly missed, but he will live on in our hearts.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Mother Maudie Dorris; one daughter, Mary Ann LaCour and son-in-law, Ernest LaCour; two grandchildren, Sharlynn Bose and husband, Darrell and Ernest Joseph LaCour; one great grandson, Darrell Bose; one sister, Allie M. Wadlington of Pomona, CA; three brothers: Supt. Robert Dorris, Elder Warren C. Dorris and Elder Lee Chester Dorris Sr., all of Joliet, IL, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

— A loving wife says I'll see you in the morning —

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth —
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

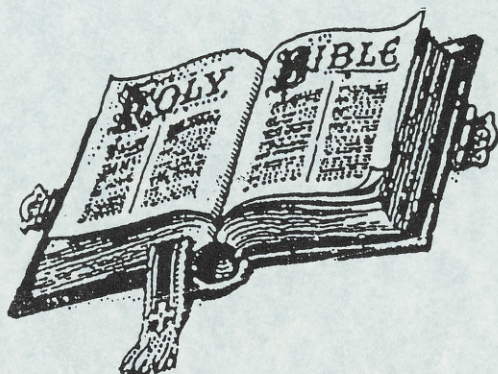
— Author Unknown

Appreciation

We are so grateful to each of you for your kind expressions of love during this time of bereavement. Everything you have done has helped us to persevere these last few weeks. We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers.

— THE FAMILY

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"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." — Rev. 14:13
